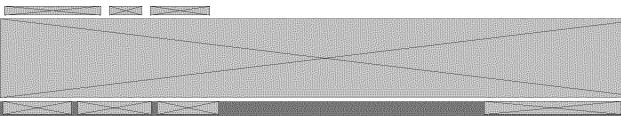
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Against Monsanto Patents on Biotech Seeds

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EIA Says 2 Percent Rise in Carbon Emissions

From Energy Consumption Expected for 2013

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In Efforts to Address Global Warming

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West Virginia Chemical Maker Faces

Lawsuits Over Spill at Charleston

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After Spill That Fouled Drinking Water

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Focused on Infrastructure to Affect Keystone

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For Sempra's Cameron LNG Export Project

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To Encourage Projects as Land Sites Fill Up

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From Operating Until Compliance Achieved

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McCarthy Says Automakers 'Embracing'

Challenge of Fuel Economy Standards

Car companies are "embracing the challenge" of stricter fuel economy standards and investing in technologies that will enable them to meet those standards, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy said Jan....

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Standards for Rail Cars Carrying Crude Oil

Canadian railway companies would be required to use more secure tank cars to carry crude oil and other dangerous goods under draft regulations unveiled Jan. 11 by Transport Canada....

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Industry Coalition Urges Prompt Review

Of Lithium Battery Rule by White House

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In North Dakota Collision, Derailment

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Owner's Removal of PCBs Not 'Disposal'

Unless Party 'Actively Caused' Spreading

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Insurer's Action to Recoup Payments

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Leaked Draft of Water Jurisdiction Rule

May Not Be Final EPA Position, Vilsack Says

A draft rule asserting broader Clean Water Act jurisdiction over U.S. waters and wetlands does not necessarily reflect the final position of the Environmental Protection Agency, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack told a farming group Jan....

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Industry Expects Rail Transport, Hazmat

Reauthorization to Be Major 2014 Issues

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Transforming IRIS: Modernizing Toxicity Tests,

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